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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Toshiyuki KIKUCHI

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EXAMINER:

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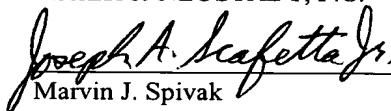
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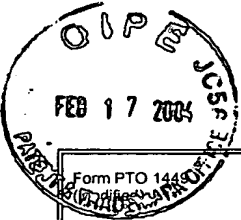
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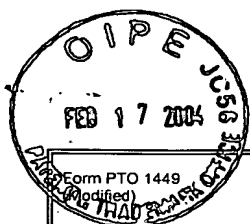
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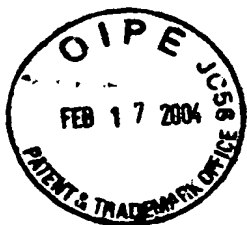
References AO (JP 1-209470) and AP (JP 10-142869) on Form 1449 are discussed in the specification.



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